

The House Committee on Appropriations offers the following substitute to HB 869:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, so as to provide that the Legislative Services Committee may direct a reduction in the amount of the salary otherwise received by members and officers of the General Assembly; to provide for related matters; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Title 28 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the General Assembly, is amended in Code Section 28-1-8, relating to salary and allowance of members of the General Assembly, by revising subsection (a) as follows:

"(a) ~~Each~~ Except as provided in Code Section 28-4-2.1, each member of the General Assembly shall receive an annual salary, as provided for in Code Section 45-7-4, to be paid in equal monthly installments. Upon complying with the requirements of paragraph (22) of subsection (a) of Code Section 45-7-4, each member shall also be reimbursed for those actual expenses incurred in the performance of duties for which reimbursement is provided in paragraph (22) of subsection (a) of Code Section 45-7-4. The Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives, and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate shall receive an additional amount per annum as provided for in Code Section 45-7-4. The majority leader, the minority leader, the administration floor leader, and the assistant administration floor leaders of the House of Representatives and the majority leader, the minority leader, the administration floor leader, and the assistant administration floor leaders of the Senate shall each receive such additional amount per annum as shall be provided by resolution of the respective houses; but such amount for each shall not be greater than the additional amount provided by law for the Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives. All of such additional amounts shall also be paid in equal monthly installments."

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SECTION 2.

Said title is further amended by adding a new Code section to read as follows:

"28-4-2.1.

(a) The Legislative Services Committee may direct a reduction in the amount of the salary which would otherwise be received by members and officers of the General Assembly under Code Section 45-7-4.

(b) Any such reduction shall be in the form of a percentage reduction equivalent to not more than one day's pay per month. The duration of the salary reduction pursuant to any single authorization by the committee shall not exceed six months; but the committee may by further authorization provide for one or more further periods of salary reduction.

(c) Any action under this Code section shall require the affirmative votes of two-thirds of the entire membership of the Legislative Services Committee. The committee meeting at which such action is taken shall be open to the public; and at least one week's prior notice of the meeting shall be given by publication on the General Assembly's website or other means or both."

SECTION 3.

This Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.